IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF:

BONATTI, Davide et al. Atty. Dkt.: 2545-0432

Title: A TRANSFER UNIT FOR CONTAINERS Date: September 24, 2003

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows prior to fee calculation and examination: